sort of promise that they would seriously think of doing something in the matter hereafter when the Budget is considered, to provide for this Rs. 5,000 or Rs 2,000 or whatever may be required for the ordinary comforts of those Members that have very often to come down here from the mufassal. You know in Madras it is not generally possible to engage houses for short periods off and on, and it is but natural therefore that all of us should feel as one, in trying to see that something decent is done for hon. Members of this House. All ought to co-operate with one another and no one need non-co-operate in this matter."

The question that the item of business regarding House Committee as on the Agenda be adjourned till after the presentation of the Budget, that is about the 2nd March, was then put to the House and carried and the item was accordingly adjourned.

XI

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

3-30 p.m. The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—" I beg to move :

' That with a view to the filling up of the vacancy caused by reason of the acceptance of an office under the Crown by Muhammad Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur and of his ceasing to be a Member of the Finance Committee in consequence, this Council do proceed to elect a member of the said Committee.' "

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to fix the time up to which nominations of candidates should be sent to the Secretary with reference to regulation 2 of the Regulations for the holding of elections by means of single transferable vote. I fix 2 p.m. to-morrow the 4th February and nominations should be handed to the Secretary before that time."

XII

DEMAND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT FOR 1924-25.

Grant X.

* The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Mr. President, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor I make a demand for the following supplementary grant :—

' That the Government be granted an additional sum of Rs. 35,000 under " 22-B. General Administration—Legislative Bodies—Provincial Legislative Councils " to meet the travelling allowance of members of the Legislative Council. '

" The circumstances under which I move the grant are as follows. Against the allotment of one lakh provided for in the budget a sum of Rs. 73,185 has been spent up to October 1924. The balance is not sufficient to cover the expenditure under this item for the remaining part of the year. Against the allotment of Rs. 29,000 provided for in the budget under Bye-elections and Election courts a sum of Rs. 5,955 has been spent up to

October 1924. Consequent on the appointment of Mr. Yahya Ali as Government Pleader, a bye-election has been rendered necessary. Setting apart a sum of Rs. 5,000 for probable bye-elections to the Legislative Council and the Assembly a sum of Rs. 15,000 may be safely resumed from Rs. 29,000 and placed at the disposal of the Council Office. Therefore an additional sum of Rs. 35,000 has to be found and hence this demand."

The demand was put and carried and the grant was made.

XIII

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS.

*The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" When the motion is reached the President has to read out the draft amendment. The draft amendment which stands in the name of Mr. G. Rameswara Rao is :

' *Add the following as a proviso to Standing Order No.* 2 (2) : " *No fresh notice of questions is necessary, if the original notice itself is clear to the effect that it continues till the questions are answered* " *and add the following at the end of Standing Order No.* 6 (3) : " *except when otherwise provided by rules or Standing Orders.* " '

" I think the Statement of Objects and Reasons has been circulated to hon. Members in regard to this amendment. If so, hon. Members are in a position to state whether the hon. Member has the leave of the Council to proceed with this Standing Order. (After a pause) Since no objection is taken I intimate that the member has the leave of the Council. The draft amendment has to be referred to a select committee of which the President shall be the Chairman and the Deputy President, the Advocate-General and a Chairman of the Council to be nominated by the President shall be members. I nominate Mr. A. Ramaswami Mudaliyar to be the member from the panel of chairmen. The remaining members shall be elected by the Council by means of the single transferable vote. I have to appoint a period within which notice should be given by any member desiring to propose a member or members for election. I appoint 2-30 p.m. to-morrow Wednesday the 4th instant by which time hon. Members are requested to send in nominations to the Secretary."

*The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Mr. J. A. Saldanha moves for leave to amend Standing Order No. 40 as follows :—

' *Add the following to clause* (2) *of the Standing Order* :

" *The number of such other members so nominated shall not, without leave of the House, exceed one-eighth of the members of the Council present at the meeting of the Council at which the Bill in question is referred to the Select Committee or fifteen altogether, whichever number is less. Such leave shall not be moved for without notice* ".'

" I think hon. Members are in possession of the Statement of Objects and Reasons. I have to ask whether the hon. Member has the leave of the House. (After a pause) Since no objection is taken I intimate that the hon. Member has the leave of the Council and the same procedure as before has to be followed. I presume that the House will appoint the same committee